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## BLM Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Changes to the Kings Bottom, Moonflower and Spring Campgrounds

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Public Scoping to Begin

**Moab, Utah**—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Moab Field Office is seeking public input on a proposal to alter the Kings Bottom, Moonflower and Spring Canyon Campgrounds along the Kane Creek Road near Moab, Utah.

Under the proposal, campsites 3-8 in Moonflower would be relocated; the existing sites would be reclaimed and a designated hiking trail would be marked to the end of the canyon. Campsites 1 and 2 in Moonflower would be relocated and the existing sites converted into a reservable day use site. In addition, the four campsites that comprise the Spring Canyon Campground would be relocated and the existing sites reclaimed.

The twelve relocated campsites would be included in an expansion of the Kings Bottom Campground. The expansion would add walk-in campsites along a new additional camping loop downstream from the present campground.

The project information, including maps of the proposed restrictions, can be accessed, and scoping comments submitted electronically, using the BLM ePlanning website: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\_register.do

Please navigate to the website identified above, choose the "Advanced Search" hyperlink under "Text Search," and type "Kings Bottom Campground Walk-in Additions" in the "Project Name" field. Open the project webpage (located at the bottom of the page) and click on "Documents," then select the "Comment on Document" button if you wish to provide a scoping comment.

Written scoping comments will be accepted by letter or on the ePlanning website through February 29, 2016. Please reference "Kings Bottom" when submitting written comments. Note that the most useful comments are those that identify issues relevant to the proposed action. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response but may be considered in the BLM decision-making process. Electronic comments can be posted on the ePlanning site above. Written comments may be mailed to the following address:

Bureau of Land Management

Moab Field Office 82 East Dogwood Moab, Utah 84532

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

For additional information, please contact Katie Stevens at 435-259-2172. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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